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SUBJ: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF

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1. LOCAL PRESS AUGUST 18 REPORTED PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AS TELLING NEWSMEN IN LAHORE AUGUST 17 THAT HE EXPECTED THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WOULD HELP PAKISTAN IN OVERCOMING THE FLOOD DISASTER. THE PROBLEM WAS SO COLOSSAL, HE SAID, THAT IT WAS BEYOND THE RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD USE EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY TO MITIGATE THE SUFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE.

2. BHUTTO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, FURTHER, "PAKISTAN WAS KEENLY WATCHING THE RESPONSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN QUICK IN COMING TO THE RESCUE OF THE CALAMITY STRICKEN PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN BANGLADESH, AND HE HOPED THAT THE UN
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AND OTHER AGENCIES WOULD RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO

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HELP PAKISTAN. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS LITTLE REASON WHY THE RESPONSE IN THE CASE OF PAKISTAN SHOULD NOT BE AS QUICK."

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3. AS REPORTED BY CONGEN LAHORE (0974 NOTAL) BHUTTO ARRIVED IN LAHORE MORNING AUGUST 17 AND ANNOUNCED HE WOULD STAY IN PROVINCE FULL WEEK TO HELP IN FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS. CONGEN FURTHER REPORTS THAT OPPOSITION PRESS HAS BEGUN TO MOAN THAT FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE NOT DONE THEIR "DUTY" AND COME TO AID OF PUNJAB DURING WHAT THEY TERM "PAKISTAN'S WORST DISASTER."

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